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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
Sunday : 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Weekday: 6:30 & 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday,
9:20 a.m. Friday - School Mass
Holy Day: 7:00 p.m. Vigil, 6:30 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS:

First-time parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class before the child can be baptized. Classes are held every other month on the second Thursday. Call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms take place every Sunday at 12:00 p.m. except during Lent.

PARISH FACILITIES MAY NOT BE USED FOR GATHERINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their initiation Sacraments should contact Paula Fritz at 431-1802 or pfritz@saintagnes.com.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard on Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the first Friday of the month or by calling the Parish Office and making an appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance. At least one of the individuals must be a registered parishioner.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

For those who are homebound or sick and wish to receive Communion, call the Parish Office.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Gather with fellow Brothers in Christ every Saturday morning, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the Saint Agnes Daily Mass Chapel. Enjoy fellowship and the Word of God.

GRADE SCHOOL CCD CLASSES:

Held on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. during the school year. Contact Anita Dunn, 431-1802 or adunn@saintagnes.com for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:

Held on Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass from September thru April. Contact Maureen Osterhaus at 859-803-0458 or mosterhaus8@gmail.com for more information.

MEETINGS:

Athletic Boosters-3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Parish Conference Room
Board of Education-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
in the Library/Media (School) Center
Finance Committee-1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
in Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. in the
Parish Conference Room
Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Conference Room
Pro-Life Committee-2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. & Dec. in
Murphy Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Society-2nd & 4th Mondays
at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference
Room

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 6-Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
10:30 a.m. Warren Cook

Monday, September 7-Labor Day

9:30 a.m. Bob Ruberg

Tuesday, September 8-The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 a.m. Cathleen Cetrulo
11:30 a.m. Jan Flood

Wednesday, September 9-St. Peter Claver

6:30 a.m. Dec'd of Ziegler & Hudepohl Families
9:30 a.m. Special Intention
11:30 a.m. Tepe Family

Thursday, September 10

6:30 a.m. Vince Melching
11:30 a.m. Katie Lukey Melillo

Friday, September 11

6:30 a.m. Intention of R. Barry Andrews
9:20 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, September 12-The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 a.m. William Dennis Wagner
4:00 p.m. Rob Shelton
6:00 p.m. Wedding: Niemann/Gibson Families

Sunday, September 13-Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Anita Dodd Connolly
10:30 a.m. Larry Schrand

Rosary, Sunday, Sept. 13th at 8:00 a.m.: Theresa Gray

Staff Article

Dear Friends

Just as God appointed Ezekiel as a watchman for the "House of Israel", so has He appointed parents to watch over their own "house," their family. Like a prophet their role is to hear from God, to encourage their children, to warn them about sin, and to help them live in a way that pleases the Lord. This call isn't limited to parents either. God wants all of us to be looking out for each other.

Being a watchman can feel overwhelming. The very word "watch" means to guard and protect. In the case of parents especially, God has entrusted them with their children's physical welfare. How can anyone ever live up to such expectations?

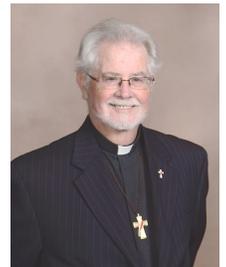
Through intercession. Parents know they cannot control every aspect of their children's lives. There are limits to their influence, especially as their children mature and strike out on their own. But there is no limit to the power of prayer.

Interceding for your family is not a waste of time. You may have a very long list if you include your brothers and sisters, and your grandchildren. Still make it a point to pray for each of them by name and be specific about the intentions you are praying for. Then offer a prayer for everyone. "Lord, protect and guide my family. Bless them and protect them from evil. Fill them with Your peace and love."

How powerful are the prayers of a watchman? Just ask Jesus. On the night before He died He prayed for strength to endure the cross. He prayed for the protection of His apostles. He prayed for all of us. Two thousand years later His prayers are still being answered.

So imitate Jesus, the great watchman of His Church. Commit your family to the care of your heavenly Father. God will never let you down.

God Bless
Deacon Bob



Parish Worship

Faith Sharing Questions

Theme of this week's Gospel: Jesus gives His apostles power to either forgive or retain sins. How powerful is this?

Adults: What did Jesus mean when He told the apostles that whatever they would bind on earth would be bound in heaven, and whatever they loosed on earth would be loosed in heaven? How does this message apply to us today?

Teens: Jesus tells His disciples that if two or more are gathered together in His name He is in their midst. What message do you think He was trying to give to them? Can you think of a time when you and one or more of your companions was gathered in the name of Jesus?

Children: Do you ever try to talk to your friends or siblings about things they do or say that "bother" you? Would you listen if they told you something you do that "bothers" them?

Next Sunday, September 13, 2020 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A

In our Liturgical Calendar we are now in the period called "Ordinary Time".. This year we are using "Cycle A", and so our Gospel reading this year will feature the Gospel of Matthew. During Ordinary Time the first reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen because of a thematic relation to the Gospel reading. For the

Parish Worship continued

second reading, we read semi-continuously from a New Testament letter, currently Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 18:21-35): The Gospel of Matthew is organized around five "major discourses" given by Jesus. (The Sermon on the Mount is the first). This Sunday's reading is from the fourth of these discourses which is referred to as the "Discourse on the Church." This discourse gives teaching on how the Christian Community (the Church) should care for one another. This passage has to do with the issue of forgiveness in the community's life. We should be as ready to forgive others as we would want the Lord to be ready to forgive us. Jesus uses a parable about a king who settles accounts with his servants. He forgives the debt of a servant who owes him a huge amount, yet this same servant refuses to forgive a fellow servant who owes him a very small amount. When the king finds out, he is angered and says "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you." Jesus then teaches we must forgive each other "from our heart."

First Reading (Sirach 27:30-28:7): The Book of Sirach is sometimes called "Ecclesiasticus" or "church book" because in the early church it was used to instruct catechumens and the faithful. This passage gives a powerful teaching of forgiveness, not unlike Jesus' teaching in the above Gospel reading: "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" The reading concludes with the sobering reminder: "Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin!"

Second Reading (Romans 14:7-9): With this reading we conclude our readings from the letter to the Romans which we have been reading from this summer. We conclude with a reminder that "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." It is a reading that invites us to remember what is most important in this life.

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis

For use with The Morning Offering Prayer

SEPTEMBER 2020: For "Respect of the Planet's Resources" - We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Bulletin Cover Picture

Our statue in the church annex depicting Mary, as a young girl with her mother, Saint Anne. The writing on the scroll proclaims the prophecy of Isaiah that a Messiah would spring from the family of Jesse, the Father of David (Isaiah 11:1-3). The Latin reads "*Egredietur Virga De Radice Jesse*" and refers to the first part of this passage. "*There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse.*" The passage continues: "*And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD.*" This Tuesday, September 8th, is the Feast of the Nativity of Mary (9 months after the Feast of the Immaculate Conception).

Stewardship

Status of Sunday Collection

Actual Collections (07/01/20 thru 08/31/20)	\$170,177
Budgeted Collections (07/01/20 thru 08/31/20)	\$174,000
Actual Compared to Budgeted	-\$3,823
Budgeted Collections for Fiscal Year (2020/2021)	\$1,200,00

We Are His Hands

"Thank You!" from Parish Kitchen

We received a very nice thank you letter from Alan Pickett, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington, and Maria Meyer, Parish Kitchen Manager, thanking us for a gift (\$2,500) from our tithing fund ("We Are His Hands" fund) that Saint Agnes made to Parish Kitchen for the renovation of their new facility.

"Thank You!" from Family Promise

We received a nice acknowledgment from Laura Green, Interim Executive Director of Family Promise of Northern Kentucky, thanking us for a donation of \$468. We send a percentage of our Sunday offerings each month to Family Promise (and several other local agencies).

"Thank You!" from NDU EC

We've also received a couple of acknowledgments from Sister Maria Therese, SND, Executive Director of the Notre Dame Urban Education Center. We send a percentage of our Sunday offerings each month to the NDU EC as part of our parish tithing.

Saint of the Week

Saint Peter Claver



Saint Peter Claver was born on June 26, 1581 in the town of Verdu in northeast Spain. His parents were very devout. As a student at the University of Barcelona he wrote in his notebook, "I must dedicate myself to the service of God until death, on the understanding that I am like a slave." After finishing his studies he entered the Jesuits and

was sent to Palma, Mallorca (a Spanish island in the Mediterranean). Here he met the future Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who told him he should go to New Spain. He landed in Cartagena (in present day Colombia) and went to Bogota to finish his studies to be a priest. It was here that he began to be disturbed by the condition of the African slaves he saw.

Although slavery had been condemned by Pope Paul III and Urban VIII it flourished in both Spanish and non-Spanish colonies. Peter Claver joined the work of Father Alonso de Sandoval, SJ who had been ministering to the slaves for about 40 years. Sandoval worked with the slaves in the fields, but Peter Claver met the slave ships as they came into the docks and brought aid and comfort to them there and in the pens they were transferred to. Besides bringing material goods to them such as medicine and food, as well as other items, he also began to teach the faith with pictures and through interpreters. It is estimated that he converted over 300,000 slaves. When he visited the slaves on the plantations to see how they were progressing he would stay in the slave quarters with them. He also ministered to the well-to-do and to others, including non-Catholics in Cartagena. Conditions for slaves gradually improved through his efforts.

When his health began to fail he was left in his room and almost forgotten. He lingered in his illness from 1650-1654 and was tended by an ex-slave who it is said physically abused him. Peter Claver accepted this as penance for his sins. He died on September 8, 1654. The officials who previously considered him a nuisance gave him a public funeral. He was canonized in 1888 (along with Alphonsus Rodriguez) by Pope Leo XIII and named the patron of African missions. The Knights of Peter Claver, the largest African American Catholic fraternal organization in the U.S. and the oldest functioning African American school in Florida are named in his honor as well. His major shrine is in Cartagena, Colombia and his feast day is September 9th.

Parish News

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day. There will be one Mass on Labor Day at 9:30 a.m.

Wedding Banns

III-Ashley Niemann, Saint Agnes &
Alex Gibson, Saint Agnes
II-Kelsey Middleton, Saint Mary Cathedral &
Sean Flannery

Family of God

We welcome into the Family of God the following infants who were baptized recently at St. Agnes:

Henry Ross Vocke
Child of Ross & Maria Vocke

School Masses

Only Saint Agnes students and staff may attend school Masses. Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 we cannot accommodate seating for parents and outside guests at this time. School Mass times are Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Fridays at 9:20 a.m.

Thank You

On behalf of Mustard Seed Communities I wanted to thank everyone for your generous response of in-kind items and financial support for my recent appeal. May God continue to bless you all.

— Don Able

Evening Religion Classes-UPDATE

Classes for those students attending public school in grades 1 thru 8 are scheduled to begin on **September 21st**. Parents and children will meet for Prayer and Orientation at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Regular classes begin on September 28th. Classes are held in the school. Drop off is at the cafeteria using the back drive. Classes run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. Registration forms and calendar are available on the bulletin boards and on the website www.saintagnes.com under the Youth Opportunities tab. Contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com with any questions.



Parish News continued

Adoration and a Vocation to Pray For

A few weeks ago I received a very nice note from Christina Rice, who was a teacher at our school for several years. Her and a friend of hers began to show up for Eucharistic Adoration in our church at 7:00 a.m. each morning right as the pandemic protocols began this past Spring. The note reads as follows:

Father Mark, Thank you for offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, especially during these troubling times of COVID. I am so thankful... Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to discern a call to religious life and begin aspirancy with the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity this fall. You and all of your parishioners will be in my constant prayers!... The beautiful way that St. Agnes Parish is bringing Christ into the world and into each of its parishioners lives. May God give us peace!

I recently heard that Christina has moved to this religious community and begun this aspirancy. Please keep her in your prayers. – Father Mark Keene

Former Principal of Saint Agnes School Has Died

Anita Dunn, our Director of Religious Education and former member of our school faculty recently informed me that Sister Mary Bernard Clare Budde, SND died on August 20, 2020. Sister Mary Bernard Clare was principal of our school during the 1970's, and was one of the 138 Sisters of Notre Dame who have served at Saint Agnes. She was born in 1927, made her profession of vows in 1949, and taught in Catholic Schools for sixty years. May she rest in peace.

Confirmation

Bishop Foys is scheduled to administer Confirmation at Saint Agnes on November 10th. If you have an 8th grade age student not enrolled at Saint Agnes or in the Evening Religion Program please contact Anita Dunn at adunn@saintagnes.com. **Due to the COVID19 guidelines enrollment and meeting will take place on October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Church.** Students, parents and sponsors (if possible) are asked to attend this meeting.

Information will be given on history and commitment of Confirmation, Responsibilities of each person, and students will make their pledge of enrollment to prepare wisely and spiritually.



Oktoberfest Cancelled/Grand Raffle Maybe?

Because of the concerns and resulting protocols about the Covid-19 virus, our parish Oktoberfest for this year is cancelled. A Grand Raffle is being considered. So stay tuned!

Faith Formation

RCIA

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Please join us on a journey of faith where we will share with you the treasures of the Catholic Church and our parish family. If you are unbaptized, are a baptized Christian from a Protestant or Evangelical background, or you have been baptized Catholic but are not fully initiated, please call the parish office at 431-1802 or email Paula at pfritz@saintagnes.com for more information about learning our Catholic faith. During these Covid-19 times, we will meet virtually or individually in person, as restrictions allow. Please come to learn more about our holy Catholic faith in which Jesus makes Himself present to us and strengthens us to be His presence in the world. God bless us all in these difficult times!

SAINT AGNES PARISHIONERS: If you know someone who is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, please encourage them to call our office or email Paula Fritz. We continue to welcome inquirers at any time.

FORMED

DO YOU KNOW WHAT FORMED IS? HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET? Our parish has an online subscription to **FORMED**, which offers multiple Catholic resources for each of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others. **Please register for FORMED by going to www.formed.org.** Click the "sign in" button in the middle of the page. Choose "I belong to a Parish..." Then enter St. Agnes Church Ft Wright Kentucky and select our parish. Enter your name and email. Click "sign up" and you are ready to enjoy FORMED. Every time you go to www.formed.org you will be sent to the sign-in page. No password needed, just click sign in and you are there! Please sign up today! Our Church needs you and your family to know and spread our faith.

Word of Life Bulletin Brief

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Another Look at Abortion"